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U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Central Region Acquisition Division (CRAD), 601 East 12th Street, Room 1756, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Ocean Service (NOS), Hollings Marine Laboratory located in Charleston, SC intends to acquire and equipment service agreement for hardware and software on a sole source basis with Beckman Coulter based on the following reasons: 1) In order to maintain this equipment in a superior working condition and to ensure rapid repair in case of malfunction special instruments, specific parts, and specially trained service personnel are required; 2) Beckman Coulter is the only party that can provide support for the equipment due to the proprietary nature of the software and hardware; 3) Parts for these pieces of equipment can only be obtained and installed by Beckman Coulter trained personnel. The anticipated performance period is from the date of the award through August 31, 2006. The proposed contract action is for supplies or services for which the Government intends to solicit and negotiate with only one source under the authority of FAR 6.302. Interested parties may identify their interest and capability to respond to the requirement or submit proposals. This notice of intent is not a request for competitive proposals. However, all proposals received within twenty days after date of publication of this synopsis will be considered by the Government. Proposals should be faxed to Sharon Webster-Tyson at (816) 426-5067. A determination by the Government not to compete this proposed contract based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government. Information received will normally be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement. All responsible sources may submit a proposal which shall be considered by the agency. Interested firms shall include, in writing, the company name, address, point of contact, telephone number, and business size; a statement regarding their capabilities and qualifications; and any additional supporting literature. Submissions received in response to this notice shall be evaluated based on the following criteria: 1) Demonstrated technical ability to successfully provide service agreements for 4 Beckman Coulter Ultracentrifuges, 8 Beckman Coulter Centrifuges, 4 Beckman Coulter Genetic Analysis Systems, 2 Beckman Coulter Spectrophotometers, and 2 Beckman

Coulter Multisizers; 2) Demonstrated technical ability to provide specific instruments, specific parts and specially trained service personnel to provide service on the Beckman Coulter hardware and software listed above; 3) Demonstrated ability to obtain replacement parts for the Beckman Coulter hardware and software; 4) Demonstrated past performance on similar service agreements involving the Beckman Coulter hardware and software. The applicable NAICS code is 811219.

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